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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF KENYAN FLAG SHIPPING LINE

REF: A) NAIROBI 4855 B) STATE 159511

1. REFTEL B REQUESTS FURTHER INFORMATION ON THETA SHIPPING LINES, THE FIRST KENYAN FLAG CARRIER. THE PRIVATE INTERESTS MENTIONED IN REFTEL A ARE HEADED UP BY AN ARGENTINE NAMED CARLOS M. RUIZ WHO IS RESIDENT IN NAIROBI. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHO RUIZ REPRESENTS BUT IS AWARE THAT THESE INTERESTS HAVE INVESTED DOLS 2 MILLION. THE REMAINING DOLS 10 MILLION WILL BE BORROWED FROM CREDITSAN OF VIENNA ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE ECBASSY.

2. THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS OF THE VENTURE ARE QUITE GOOD AS THE GOK APPEARS VERY INTERESTED IN GETTING THE SHIPPING LINE ESTABLISHED AND WILL ENSURE THAT ENOUGH BUSINESS IS CHANNELLED THEIR WAY. THE SHIPPING LINE PROJECTS THAT BY THE MID 1980'S THEY WILL BE OPERATING VESSELS TOTALING 300,000 DEAD WEIGHT TONS.

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3. THE SHIPPING LINE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY SWAMPED WITH OFFERS

FOR SHIPS FROM SEVERAL SOURCES. RUIZ INFORMED AN EMBOFF THAT THE EMBASSIES OF FOUR IRON CURTAIN COUNTRIES HAD APPROACHED HIM WITH PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE OFFERS FOR SHIPS ONE OF WHICH HE WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT.

4. EMBASSY NOT AWARE THAT ANY PREFERENCE LAW PRESENTLY EXISTS BUT EMBOFF HAS SEEN CORRESPONDENCE IN RUIZ'S POSSESSION FROM MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND PLANNING AND COMMERCE THAT SUCH REGULATIONS OF SHIPPING TO AND FROM MOMBASA AS STATED IN REFTEL A WILL BE PROVIDED BY GOK. THETA HAS ALREADY PURCHASED AN OIL TANKER AND PLANS TO START HAULING OIL FROM BANDARABAS TO MOMBASA PRIOR TO THE END OF THE YEAR. INITIAL ROUTES WILL BE PRIMARILY IN THE PERSIAN GULF REGION WITH LATTER EXPANSION TO ROUTES COVERED BY EUROPE/EAST AFRICAN CONFERENCE LINE.  
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